Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin Christians-Cranganur):* Are the names of examiners in other subjects also confidential?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Yes.

CENTRAL MEDICAL STORES—PURCHASE OF ARTICLES—INFORMATION REGARDING

200. Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin Christians-Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the names and official designations of the person or persons responsible for the purchase of articles to the Central Medical Stores;

(*b*) whether there is anybody other than the person or persons responsible for the purchase to supervise the distribution of medicines and other articles from the Central Medical Stores and to check the stock periodically;

(*c*) under whose charge is the Central Medical Stores now placed;

(*d*) whether the Government has at any time checked the stock in the Central Medical Stores?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* (*a*) The Medicine Purchase Committee consisting of the following members.—

(*i*) Chief Medical Officer,
(*ii*) Joint Secretary to Government,
(*iii*) Civil Surgeon, General Hospital.

(*b*) The Chief Medical Officer supervises the distribution of medicines and other articles from the Central Medical Stores. The registers are audited by the Local Audit Staff and the stock is checked yearly by an Assistant Surgeon deputed by the Chief Medical Officer.

(*c*) Chief Medical Officer.

(*d*) The stock is verified annually as noted above and the reports are submitted to Government.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT—NUMBER OF REFRIGERATORS PURCHASED SINCE CHINGAM 1114

201. Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin Christians-Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of refrigerators purchased since Chingam 1114 for the Medical Department;

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(*b*) the names of hospitals to which they were supplied ;

(*c*) are these refrigerators still in the hospitals to which they were originally supplied ?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: (*a*) 4.

(*b*) One for the Central Medical Stores, one for the General Hospital, one for the Maharaja's Hospital and one for the Civil Hospital.

(*c*) They are still in the institutions to which they were originally supplied.

DEPRESSED CLASSES—PROSECUTION BY POLICE OF CASES OF ASSAULT ON

202. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is any rule or convention or departmental order in force to direct Police officers to charge cases of assault and ill-treatment of members of the Depressed Classes by others;

(*b*) whether the attention of the Police Commissioner or the Inspector of Police, Trichur Cusba Station, has been drawn to a case where two Vettuvas, Sankaran and Chennan, were alleged to have been assaulted and seriously hurt by some at Nedupuzha, in Kanimangalam village, on 1st Thulam 1115;

(*c*) when was this occurrence brought to the notice of the Police authorities;

(*d*) whether any action has been taken in the matter;

(*e*) if so, what action has been taken;

(*f*) whether the Police have charged offenders to a criminal court ?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) At 6-50 p.m. on 1st Thulam 1115.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The matter was enquired into.

(*f*) No.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: May I know, Sir, whether the Commissioner of Police was satisfied that there was no reason to take further action in this matter?

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